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In re Application of:)
: Examiner: L. Wong
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: Group Art Unit: 1761
Application No.: 09/465,402)
: December 12, 2002
Filed: December 17, 1999)
: For: N-[N-(3,3-Dimethylbutyl)-L- α -
Aspartyl]-L-Phenylalanine 1-Methyl Ester)
as a Sweetener in Chewing Gum)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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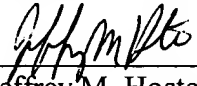
Sir:

Transmitted herewith are two originals of a Notice of Appeal to be submitted in the above referenced application. The Notice of Appeal is being submitted in response to the Final Rejection dated June 19, 2002, and the continued rejection following Applicant's submission of an Amendment after Final Rejection.

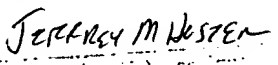
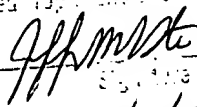
Applicant respectfully petitions for a three month extension of time to submit the Notice of Appeal.

Please deduct the extension fee and any additional fees from Deposit Account 14-1451.

Respectfully submitted,


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